

In the Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A device for securing a plug of a power cord within an electrical outlet, the device comprising:

a securement strap which is securable about the plug of a power cord; and

a tensioning cord which is connected to the strap and which is securable to the electrical outlet within which the plug is to be plugged so that removal of the plug from the electrical outlet is resisted by the tensioning cord.

Claim 2. (Original) The device as defined in Claim 1 wherein the securement strap includes an elongated strip of flexible material adapted to be wrapped about the body of a plug and means associated with the elongated strip for releasably securing the elongated strip in a wrapped condition about the body of the plug.

Claim 3. (Original) The device as defined in Claim 2 wherein the means for releasably securing includes hook and loop fastener members which are attached to the elongated strip for releasably securing the elongated strip about the body of the plug.

Claim 4. (Original) The device as defined in Claim 1 wherein the tensioning cord is connected to the securement strap to form a loop which is capable of being secured to the electrical outlet.

Claim 5. (Original) The device as defined in Claim 4 wherein the tensioning cord is a first tensioning cord and the device further includes a second tensioning cord which is connected to the strap and which is securable to the electrical outlet within which the plug is to be plugged.

Claim 6. (Original) The device as defined in Claim 5 wherein the first and second tensioning cords are connected to the securement strap at locations therealong so that when the securement strap is secured about the plug of an electrical cord, the first and second tensioning cords are disposed on diametrically-opposed sides of the plug.

Claim 7. (Original) The device as defined in Claim 4 further including a suction cup which is attached to the tensioning cord for attachment of the tensioning cord to a flat surface situated adjacent the electrical outlet by way of the suction cup.

Claim 8. (Original) The device as defined in Claim 1 wherein there is associated with the electrical outlet a stationary item disposed adjacent the electrical outlet, and the tensioning cord is securable to the stationary item to thereby connect the tensioning cord to the electrical outlet.

Claim 9. (Original) The device as defined in Claim 1 wherein one of the securement strap and the tensioning cord is elastomeric.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) A device for securing a plug of a power cord within an electrical outlet wherein a stationary item is disposed adjacent the electrical outlet, the device comprising:

a securement strap which is securable about the plug of a power cord, the securement strap including an elongated strip of flexible material which is capable of being wrapped about the body of the plug when secured thereabout; and

at least one elastomeric tensioning cord which is connected to the strap and which is securable about the stationary item situated adjacent the electrical outlet into which the plug is to be plugged so that removal of the plug from the electrical outlet is resisted by the at least one tensioning cord.

Claim 11. (Original) The device as defined in Claim 10 wherein the securement strap includes a flexible fabric material, and the device further includes means associated with the elongated strip for releasably securing the elongated strip in a wrapped condition about the body of the plug.

Claim 12. (Original) The device as defined in Claim 11 wherein the means for releasably securing includes hook and loop fastener members which are attached to the elongated strip for releasably securing the elongated strip about the body of the plug.

Claim 13. (Original) The device as defined in Claim 10 wherein the at least one tensioning cord is connected to the securement

strap to form a loop which is capable of being secured to the electrical outlet.

Claim 14. (Original) The device as defined in Claim 10 wherein there are two tensioning cords which are connected to the securement strap.

Claim 15. (Original) The device as defined in Claim 14 wherein the two tensioning cords are connected to the securement strap at locations therealong so that when the securement strap is secured about the plug of an electrical cord, the tensioning cords are disposed on diametrically-opposed sides of the plug.

Claim 16. (Original) The device as defined in Claim 15 further including a suction cup which is attached to each of the elastomeric tensioning cords for attachment of each cord to a flat surface situated adjacent the electrical outlet by way of the suction cup.

Claim 17. (Original) The device as defined in Claim 10 wherein there is associated with the electrical outlet a stationary item disposed adjacent the electrical outlet, and the at least one tensioning cord is securable to the stationary item to thereby connect the at least one tensioning cord to the electrical outlet.

Claim 18. (Original) The device as defined in Claim 1 wherein the

at least one tensioning cord is elastomeric.

Claim 19. (Currently Amended) A device for securing a plug of a power cord within an electrical outlet, the device comprising:

a securement strap which is securable about the plug of a power cord wherein the strap includes an elongated strip of flexible material and means for releasably securing the elongated strip of flexible material in a wrapped condition about the plug; and

a pair of elastomeric tensioning cords which are connected to the strap and which are securable to the electrical outlet within which the plug is to be plugged so that removal of the plug from the electrical outlet is resisted by the tensioning cords; and

wherein each of the tensioning cords is connected to the securement strap to form a loop which facilitates the securement of the tensioning cords to the electrical outlet.